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On Wednesday, March 15th:

DORGAN TO CHAT WITH OAKES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OVER THE INTERNET ON WEDNESDAY

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) --- U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND) will "chat" with Oakes High School students using the Internet and take questions on current affairs and issues before Congress in an online session scheduled for Wednesday, March 15th at 10:30 a.m. CST. The Internet chat will take place from Senator Dorgan's Washington office and Room 201 at Oakes High School, 804 Main Avenue, in Oakes.

Dorgan, who serves on the Senate Commerce Committee which has legislative jurisdiction over the telecommunications industry, will take questions on a range of issues including education funding, health care initiatives, farm policy, and other issues pending in Congress. The session is open to all Oakes High School students.

"Internet chats are an important way for me to talk directly with North Dakotans when I'm in Washington," Dorgan said. "I find them very helpful because I get immediate feedback from constituents on issues being considered in Congress and what effect they have on our state."

The transcript of the Internet chat will be posted to Dorgan's website (http://dorgan.senate.gov) later that day and will remain up for the following week so all members of the community can read it.